

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1.-13. (Cancelled).

14. (Currently Amended): A vertically aligned liquid crystal display, comprising:

a vertically aligned liquid crystal layer disposed between a plurality of pixel electrodes and a common electrode, the orientation of said liquid crystal layer being controlled by an electric field, wherein;

said common electrode comprises a plurality of orientation controllers formed in areas corresponding to each of said plurality of pixel electrodes, respectively,

one or more line-shaped slits in which no electrode is present is formed in each of said plurality of pixel electrodes and each of said plurality of pixel electrodes is divided by said one or more slits ~~or projections~~ into two or more electrode regions, which are electrically connected and arranged ~~in parallel with~~ proximate to each other with the slit therebetween, and

each of said plurality of orientation controllers associated with a corresponding one of said plurality of pixel electrodes and has portions extending along the direction in which said one or more slits ~~or projections~~ extend, and one of said plurality of orientation controllers is disposed between said two slits ~~or projections~~ or between the corresponding one of said one or more slits ~~or projections~~ and a gap between adjoining pixel electrodes.

15. (Previously Presented): The liquid crystal display according to claim 14,

wherein each one of said plurality of orientation controllers has a sloped projection extending along the longer edge of each of said electrode regions in an area facing the center part in each of said two or more electrode regions.

16. (Original): The liquid crystal display according to claim 14,  
wherein each one of said plurality of orientation controllers branches at both longitudinal ends of a corresponding one of said electrode regions toward the corner sections of said electrode regions.

17.-19. (Cancelled).

20. (Withdrawn): A vertically aligned liquid crystal display, comprising:  
a vertically aligned liquid crystal layer disposed between a plurality of pixel electrodes and a common electrode, the orientation of said liquid crystal layer being controlled by an electric field, wherein;

said common electrode comprises a plurality of orientation controllers formed in areas corresponding to each of said plurality of pixel electrodes, respectively,

each of said plurality of pixel electrodes is divided by one or more slits or projections into two or more electrode regions, which are electrically connected and arranged in parallel with each other,

each of said plurality of orientation controllers associated with a corresponding one of said plurality of pixel electrodes and has portions extending along the direction in which said one or more slits or projections extend, and one of said plurality of orientation controllers is disposed between said two slits or

projections or between the corresponding one of said one or more slits or projections and a gap between adjoining pixel electrodes, and

each of said plurality of orientation controllers associated with a corresponding one of said plurality of pixel electrodes being formed to extend linearly.

21. (Withdrawn): The liquid crystal display according to claim 20, wherein each one of said plurality of orientation controllers has a sloped projection extending along the longer edge of each of said electrode regions in an area facing the center part in each of said two or more electrode regions.

22. (Withdrawn): The liquid crystal display according to claim 20, wherein each one of said plurality of orientation controllers branches at both longitudinal ends of a corresponding one of said electrode regions toward the corner sections of said electrode regions.

23. (Withdrawn): A vertically aligned liquid crystal display, comprising:  
a vertically aligned liquid crystal layer disposed between a plurality of pixel electrodes and a common electrode, the orientation of said liquid crystal layer being controlled by an electric field, wherein;

said common electrode comprises a plurality of orientation controllers formed in areas corresponding to each of said plurality of pixel electrodes, respectively,

each of said plurality of pixel electrodes is divided by one or more slits or projections into two or more electrode regions, which are electrically connected and arranged in parallel with each other,

each of said plurality of orientation controllers associated with a corresponding one of said plurality of pixel electrodes and has portions extending along the direction in which said one or more slits or projections extend, and one of said plurality of orientation controllers is disposed between said two slits or projections or between the corresponding one of said one or more slits or projections and a gap between adjoining pixel electrodes, and

said two or more electrode regions being disposed along said one or more slits or projections.

24. (Withdrawn): The liquid crystal display according to claim 23,

wherein each one of said plurality of orientation controllers has a sloped projection extending along the longer edge of each of said electrode regions in an area facing the center part in each of said two or more electrode regions.

25. (Withdrawn): The liquid crystal display according to claim 23,

wherein each one of said plurality of orientation controllers branches at both longitudinal ends of a corresponding one of said electrode regions toward the corner sections of said electrode regions.